Plan for making train journey secure

†*238. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people now feel insecure while travelling by train;

(b) if so, whether Government is formulating any action plan for making train journey secure for people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

There is no reason for passengers to feel insecure during journey by trains as Railways take great care of safety and security of passengers. Railways have a vast network throughout the country and 18 million passengers travel by trains everyday. Passengers can be soft targets for mischievous elements. Although law and order is a state subject, Railways maintain close liaison with the respective State Governments regarding security of passengers.

Following measures have been taken for security of Passengers:-

(i) Important Mail/Express trains are escorted by Railway Protection Force (RPF)/ Government Railway Police (GRP).

(ii) 59 Trackers and 235 Sniffer dogs are available with RPF.

(iii) 12 Commando companies are being raised by giving Commando training to RPSF personnel in institutes of repute.

(iv) Rupees 67.09 crore has been allocated for procurement of modern security related equipment for RPF.

(v) Procurement of modern weapons like AK-47 is in progress.

(vi) INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEM - For the first time an Integrated Security System has been approved to strengthen surveillance mechanism over 195 sensitive and vulnerable stations of the Indian Railways. The system consists of following four broad areas-

(a) Internet Protocol (IP) based CCTV surveillance system

(b) Access control

(c) Personal and baggage screening system

(d) Bomb Detection and Disposal System

In Works Programme 2009-10, approval has been accorded for implementation of this scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.344.31 crore.

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